

The Governor's Budget directs the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to work with stakeholders over the next few months to develop proposals to achieve targeted savings while maintaining the entitlement and ensuring program and service integrity. Below is an outline of the process that DDS will follow.

Stakeholder Process

1. DDS will continue stakeholder collaboration through attendance at specific organization meetings, upon request.
2. DDS will conduct three stakeholder forums. The forums are scheduled for February 19, 2009 (1:00 - 4:00 pm) in Sacramento; February 27, 2009 in Oakland (3:30 – 6:30 pm); and March 2, 2009 (1:00 – 4:00 pm) in Los Angeles.
3. DDS will convene workgroup meetings beginning the week of February 23, 2009, that will include a representative from statewide stakeholder groups that could be impacted by the DDS reduction.
4. DDS will participate in at least one CDCAN town hall meeting to allow an additional opportunity for input from stakeholders. The date of the town hall meeting has not yet been finalized.
5. All stakeholders may submit ideas and comments in writing to the department. Written input may be submitted electronically to sarah.steenhausen@dds.ca.gov or mailed to the Department of Developmental Services, 1600 9th Street, Room 240, attention: Sarah Steenhausen.
6. Legislative staff will be invited to attend all forums and workgroup meetings. DDS will also conduct legislative staff briefings to provide updates on the stakeholder process.

The information gathered through the forums, town hall meetings, and workgroup discussions will help DDS in the preparation of proposals that the Administration will present to the Legislature for their consideration.

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